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To: cmayer@glensfallshosp.org
Subject: EPA follow up - PFOA in Hoosick Falls drinking water
Attachments: HoosickFallsMayorPFOA.pdf; EPA Statement on Hoosick Falls Water Contamination.pdf; factsheet_contaminant_pfos_pfoa_march2014.pdf; dwstandards2012.pdf

Ms. Mayer,

Thank you for your inquiry, which was forwarded to our EPA Region 2 offices for response. I'd like to offer some information that I hope will be helpful.

EPA Region 2 recently made some specific recommendations to the Village of Hoosick Falls regarding the presence of PFOA in the drinking water supply, which are discussed in the attached letter. EPA recommended that an alternate water supply be provided until concentrations are consistently below the 400 parts per trillion level. During this period, EPA recommends that drinking water from the public water supply not be used for cooking (e.g. boiling pasta, making soup, steaming vegetables, etc.).

EPA also issued a statement today which reasserts these recommendations and addresses the questions that have been raised about inhalation and skin exposure (showering and bathing). That statement is also attached.

It is our understanding that an alternate drinking water supply is being provided by the Saint-Gobain Company via free jugs of water from the Tops Market in Hoosick Falls. We would encourage all village residents to take advantage of this alternate water supply.

For your information, I have also included a copy of EPA's current drinking water standards and health advisories, as well as EPA's 2014 fact sheet on PFOS and PFOA, which discusses routes of exposure and health effects.

If you need additional information or have other questions, you may respond to this email or I can be contacted directly at the phone number below. We will also retain your contact information and will provide further EPA updates as they become available.

Thank you for your efforts to provide information to the community.

Attached you will find the following:

- 1) November 25, 2015 letter sent by the EPA Regional Administrator to the Mayor of the Village of Hoosick Falls regarding the presence of PFOA in the drinking water supply, which includes EPA's recommendations
- 2) EPA Statement on Hoosick Falls Water Contamination, December 17, 2015
- 3) March 2014 EPA "Emerging Contaminants Fact Sheet – PFOS and PFOA" which discusses routes of exposure and health effects.
- 4) EPA "2012 Edition of the Drinking Water Standards and Health Advisories"

Regards,

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Submitted values are:

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Comments: I work for a hospital that operates a community health center in Hoosick Falls, NY. The water supply in the town has been contaminated with PFOA from a local manufacturer. I would like information to give my community members regarding testing and health outcomes related to PFOA. Thank you.

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